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Applicant : Akihiko Wada  
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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

By this amendment, eighteen total claims are pending in this application, including four independent claims. A check in the amount of \$86.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for one independent claim in excess of three.

In response to the Office action of December 17, 2003, paper no. 7, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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